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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: STATUS OF FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER NQUZA KARL I BOND

1. MISSION HAS LEARNED FROM A RELIABLE ZAIRIAN MILITARY SOURCE THAT NGUZA IS NOW BEING DETAINED IN A MILITARY CAMP IN KINSHASA SUBURB AND APPEARS TO BE IN GOOD HEALTH. GOZ REPORTEDLY PROVIDES HIM WITH FUNDS FOR EXTRA FOOD AND OTHER NECESSITIES.
2. NGUZA'S (SECOND) WIFE HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO RETURN TO KINSHASA, WHERE SHE IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN USIS-SPONSORED ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES BEING TAUGHT BY MISSION WIVES. SHE DISCREETLY AVOIDS DISCUSSING HER HUSBAND, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND SHE IS ALLOWED TO VISIT HIM PERIODICALLY.
3. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION INDICATING THAT MOBUTU INTENDS TO RELEASE NGUZA AT AN EARLY DATE. IT REMAINS A VERY SENSITIVE SUBJECT WITH THE PRESIDENT, AS EVIDENCED BY REPORTS THAT HE WAS PARTICULARLY IRRITATED BY INCLUSION OF A REFERENCE TO NGUZA'S CASE IN THE RECENTLY-PUBLISHED HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON ZAIRE. WE DO NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT NGUZA WILL BE FREED AFTER A SUITABLE PERIOD OF TIME HAS PASSED. BUT MOBUTU'S SENSITIVITIES ARE SUCH THAT HE WOULD NOT WANT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF TAKING

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ACTION IN RESPONSE TO OUTSIDE PRESSURES. WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT, HAVING CLEARLY MADE OUR POINT ON THE NGUZA CASE, OUR BEST POSTURE NOW IS TO AVOID FURTHER MANIFESTATIONS OF CONCERN OR ANY OTHER ACTIONS THAT MIGHT SERVE TO IMPEDE RATHER THAN FACILITATE NGUZA'S EVENTUAL RELEASE.
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